The Rock Island Decides to Get a Share of Omaha Business-

THE DEMOCRATIC PATCHWORK

The Police Ball-Hurt by a Wire-Base Ball-Court Notes-The Glove Contest-Other Local News.

Another Live Stock Rate War. For some time back it has been no secret, with those conversant with rall road matters, that the relations between the Omaha and Chicago roads was becoming very much strained, owing to the existing rules governing the live stock traffic. At the time of the cut in live stock rates, early in the season, an agreement was entered into by the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the Chicago & Northwestern and the Chicago & Milwaukee, that they would haul all live stock from Omaha to Chicago at the proportionate rate of the through charges. That is, stock could be billed to Chicago, from any western point, by the way of Omaha, and could be halted at Omaha and reshipped, or if sold the buyer could reship to Chicago at the same rate charged for stock going straight through. The Chicago & Northwestern and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy insisted upon this exception being made, that all stock coming into Omaha on any of their branch lines should go out over the same road to Chicago, or otherwise be compelled to pay local rates. The enforcement of this rule was equivalent to limiting the Chicago & Rock Island and Chicago & Milwaukee to such stock as came in over the Union Pacific. It soon became apparent that they could not even depend upon the Union Pacific stock, for when a buyer buys a number of cars of cattle or hogs, and is compelled to ship one or more of them over a certain road, he quite naturally wants them all to go together, and hence that road gets the whole shipment. The Milwaukee gave up with good grace, to what appeared to be the inevitable, and looked quietly on while the other roads fought over the bone of contention. The Rock Island struggled hard all summer to maintain her ground, but was compelled to see one after another of her old shippers drop off and go over to either the Chicago, Burling-ton & Quincy or to the Chicago & North-

was a general excitement among the rail-road men. Yesterday morning W. N. Babcock, general western agent of the Chicago & Northwestern, hastened to the Omana stock yards to investigate the reported action of the Rock Island. He looked the field over carefully and it was quite evident that he was not over and above well pleased with the outlook. He talked the matter over with the stock yards people and is reported to have hinted that he would stop the live stock on the line of his road from coming to Omaha unless his road could haul it out again. Last night the Rock Island hauled out stock that had come in over the B. & M., and a prohowl went up from the Rock Island has determined upon having her share of the Omaha life stock traffic hs to be seen what the other roads will do about it.

western, for the single reason that she was cut off from handing anything except

Union Pacific stock. On Wednesday evening of this week the Rock Island

hauled out a train of live stock, consigned

to East Cambridge, Mass., and shipped by an old patron of the Rock Island, who

had lately been shipping over the other roads. As soon as it was known that

there were several cars in the train be-

longing to the Chicago & Northwestern and to the Chicago & Burlington, there

PATCHING UP THE TICKET. The County Democracy Skirmishing

for Senatorial Timber. The democracy are having a hard time in finding men who will act as standard bearers for divided factions in a hopeless contest. They held two meetings in the city yesterday to select men whom they hope will consent to allow their names printed on the senatorial tickets. The float senatorial convention composed of nine delegates from Douglas county and five from Sarny, met at R. W. Patrick's office yesterday afternoon to select a candidate for float senator. Mr. Charles Kautmann was chosen chairman of the convention. The committee appointed to see the Hon. Fred Metz and induce him if possible to make the race reported that they had carefully performed the duties of their appointment, but that their prayers and tears and coaxing had all been in vain, as Mr. Metz was firm in his intention and determination to take no part whatever in the contest. The delegates then cast about for a substitute for Mr. Metz, but failed to find one among the prominent German citizens whose names have been mentioned in connection with the place. They finally selected upon James E. Campbell, of Sarpy county, and, finding to their joy, that he would probably consent to make the race, nominated him by acclamation and then adjourned. Mr. Campbell is at present county treasurer of Sarpy county, having held the position for five years. He was county clerk for a number of years before he was elected to his present position.

PAXTON AND PAULSEN The democratic county central commit-Thirteenth and Farnam, to select a candidate for senator, vice James Creighton resigned. Mr. Creighton's eard, ad-dressed to Chairman Martin, was as fol-

I respectfully beg leave to tender to your committee my declination of a nomination for the office of state senator, and in this con-nection I desire to thank your committee and the democracy of this county for the high honor intended to be conterred, and which I

am unable to accept.

Coupled with this declination came the statement of Captain C. B. Rustin, the other senatorial candidate that under no consideration would be allow his name to e used as a candidate, and that if elected to the place he would not serve. After some discussion the committee selected William A. Paxton and J. T. Paulson as cenatorial candidates. It is not snown that either of these gentlemen will ac cept the nomination.

Rase Ball Notes.

President E. E. Murphy, of the Western League, writes that a meeting of the League will be held in Leavenworth about the middle of November. Lead-ville will be dropped from the league, leaving seven cities represented. It is desired that Omaha should have a club in the league, filling the complement. An Omaha delegation will probably attend the meeting

Returning the Compliment. Councilmen Lee and Ford were busy yesterday entertaining Mr. John Griffin, of Cheyenne, who stopped in Omaha on his return home from an extended eastern trip. Mr. Griffin is chairman of the committee on fire and water work of the Cheyenne city council, and has been on a tour of inspection in the large cities of the cast as a special committee of one on fire protection. Assisted by Thomas Casey the Omaha councilmen introduced the visitor to this city, shewing off her

public works and growing improvements. Mr. Griffin was loud in his praises of Omaha and expressed astonishment at her marvelous growth and wonderful prosperity. During the visit of the Omaha councilmen to Chevenne Mr. Griffin was one of the foremost in offer-ing the hospitality of that city to the visitors, and it was a pleasure to the Omaha men to in part return the compliment. Mr. Griffin left last evening for Chey

Alone in the World.

The county commissioner yesterday furnished transportation to Chicago to Mrs. Cashman, a woman in destitute circumstances, who has been in the city for several days. Her story was one intended to incite pity in the hearts of even the members of the board of county commis sioners. She said that she had not a relative in the world. Since the death of her husband, a few years ago, she has supported herself by canvassing for books and now deprived by sickness of her means of securing a living, she has no resource except to seek attendance in some charitable institution. She expects to enter the Cook county hospital. Frank Keyser, a poor consumptive, was also sent to Chicago, where he

claimed to have relatives who will care

McCormack-McDonald. Both McDonald and McCormack are in active training for their glove contest which will take place at Cunningham hall on Saturday evening. McDonald is at Fallon's villa and is in good trim at 165 pounds. McCormack is in South Omaha. He scales 170 and is reported to be in fine condition for the match.

As yet no one has accepted the challenge of Matt Richardson for an eightround glove contest with soft gloves for \$250 a side. Charley Dougherty, a Council Bluffs middle weight, is doing some talking but has not accepted the chal-

Baby Barnes, the Nebraska giant, ar rived from the west yesterday.

Ed Rothery, the well known local sport, is expected home from his eastern trip to-day.

Building Permits. Superintendent Whitlock issued build ing permits yesterday as follows:

Henry Kitten, remodeling building,
Twentieth, near Cuming.
Charles Neiber, brick basement for
building, Tenth and Capitol avenue.
Earnest J. Anderson, one-story brick
store building, Eighteenth and St.
Mary's avenue.
v. G. Lantry, frame barn, Harney,
near Twenty-lifti street.
V. Lantry, two-story frame residence.

have all persons who had buildings or improvements of any kind commenced or completed before the building inspec tor's ordinance was passed to furnish him with a description of each work so he can prepare a statement of the building improvements for the year.

The Police Ball. The event at the exposition building last night was the much-talked-of, widely advertised police ball. About eight hundred people were in attendance, and it is safe to say that every one enjoyed him or herself to the utmost. All arrangemedts had been made beforehand to ensure the success of the affair. consequence was that everything passed off smoothly. No objectionable characters were allowed on the floor, and for this the management deserves all due

The programme was one of twenty eight dances and kept the many throngs busy until a late hour this morning. The Musical Union orchestra furnished excel lent music. John McDonald was the able and gracious master of ceremonies.

A rather peculiar accident occurred on Tenth street near Jones about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Several lads were playing together, when a boy named Powers engaged in a race with one of his companions. While running at full speed young Powers struck a telegraph wire which repairers had stretched from a pole. The wire caught the boy by the neck, and such was his momentum that his feet were thrown over his head and he fell a distance of over five feet on the hard payement. He was picked up in an est unconscious condition and taken to Bell's drug store, where Dr. Darrow sewed up a large gash in his cheek caused

by striking a sharp paving block. Court Notes.

In the case of Scholler vs. Stevenson, a suit for damages in the sum of \$5,000, for alleged malicious prosecution, the jury returned a verdict yesterday awarding the plaintiff \$40.

The real estate case of Connell vs. Hol

enbeck was on trial before Judge Wakeley yesterday afternoon. Edward Dickenson commenced suit in the district court yesterday against H. C Hartman, on a mechanic's lien for \$66.68. In the county court E. Hartman & Co. commenced a suit against Sloman Bros. for judgment in the sum of \$501 for goods sold and delivered.

Probably Stolen Property.

At an early hour yesterday morning Officer O'Boyle took charge of a horse and buggy that had been standing on Douglas street all night. The outfit has not yet been claimed which leads to the suspicion that it was left there by some fellow who had appropriated it to his The horse is a dark bay. own use. buggy is a side bar with red painted running gear.

The Arion Club. This popular organization, composed of the elite of local German society, gave its opening ball last night at Germania hall. About forty couples were in at-tendance, and the affair was an auspicious success. A more extended notice of the event will be given in the society columns of the BEE on Sunday morning.

W. C. T. U. The W. C. T. U. held an interesting special session at the Buckingham Home yesterday afternoon to arrange for a social to be held at an early date. The preliminary steps were also taken for a fair which will be given at the home

some time next month. Brevities.

Contractor Brennan is out after a week's The bank clearances yesterday amounted to \$680,519.44.

The revenue collections yesterday amounted to \$4,449.33. The exeavation for the city hall foundation has been completed. Permit to wed was granted yesterday to Wm. Robinson and Miss Anna Bankes,

both of Omaha. Chiff and Hourihan, two men who were arrested on October 9 for creating a row on South Thirteenth street, were given a jury trial before Judge Stenberg yester-day afternoon and fined \$5 and costs each

vpon conviction. Constable Houk, who was struck by a train on the Tenth street crossing a few days ago, is more seriously hurt than was at first supposed. His physician reports that one of his knee joints has been permanently injured. Mr. Houck will probably bring an action for damages against the company.

company. Mr. James Frazier, of Harlan, Iowa, father of Ed Frazier, who was burt in the B. & M. wreck near Fairfield, Wednesday last, passed through Omaha last evening on his way to see his son. The young man's injuries are quite serious, but the father is thankful that his boy was not among the killed.

Rev. T. S. Brooke, Clarksburg, W.Va., cured chicken cholera with St. Jacobs

Personal Paragraphs. Robert Garlichs went east last night. General G. M. Dodge is at the Millard. C. F. Shedd, of Fairfield, is at the Pax-

O. C. Satim, of Beatrice, is at the Pax-

H. T. Pratt, of Chicago, is at the Mer-W. H. Barstow, of Crete, is at the Mer-

J. D. Welsh, of Des Moines, is at the C. E. Montgomery, of Lincoln, is in C. N. Abbott, of Fullerton, is at the

Metropolltan. C. A. Keith and wife, of Lincoln, are at the Cozzens. Lester Franklin, of Brooklpn, N. Y., is at the Metropolitan.

S. D. Harskoff and wife, of Caldwell,

Idaho, are at the Canfield. A. H. Church and wife, of North Platte, are at the Cozzens. Mrs. William Rawitzer left yesterday for Plattsmouth and Creston for a visit

of several days. Mr. Charles Kountze, of Denver, brother of Herman Kountze, of this city,

went east last evening accompanied by his wife. City Marshal Frank Guanelle, Chief Jerry Mullen and Officer Hendricks, of Council Bluffs, attended the police ball

ast evening. A hunting party, composed of C. E. Yost, Dr. Conklin and Harry Deuel, left last evening for Lake Madison, Minnesota, for a few days' sport.

Mrs. Andy Borden arrived in Omaha last evening, being met at Council Blufs by her husband. The John T. Raymond company, of which she is a member, played in Des Moines last night, but she not being in the cast came to this city, where she will rejoin the company, appearing Saturday night in "The Magis-

"Years have not seen and time shall not see" the people sit down quietly to suffer pain, when enterprise can afford such a panacea as Salvation Oil.

The old saying 'opposition is the life of ousiness," has not been sustained in one instance at least. Since the introduction of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup all other cough remedies have been dead stock.

Captain Boggs' Trick.

Boston Travelier: Captain Boggs, a Virginian, who held a captain's license on the Mississippi river before he was of age, and who for fourteen years had the contract to supply the military posts in Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arzona with fuel, tells the following story: I was down in the Ute reservation in Colorado and had strolled down to the shores of a small lake while my mules and teamsters were eating dinner, when I came across a party of about a dozen Indians. They were armed with rifles and were shooting at a snag which stuck out of the water about 200 yards distant. The stakes for which they were shooting were composed of a quarter of a dollar for each man. I stood watching them for some time, and then decided to enter the competition, Each man had three shots and the man who hit the snag the most times won the pot. The misses were told by the splash in the water; the hits by the absence of the splash. After some parley with the redskins I got them to enter the match though to allow me they compelled me to deposit half a dollar while they put in but a quarter. I had a Henry repeater with me that, fortunately for my purpose, was then unoaded. I was accounted one of the best shots in that country, but knew that the Indians were not by any means slow. slipped three cartridges into my rifle, and as I did so I broke the ball off, thus leaving a blank cartridge. Of course, no splash followed any of my shots, and the Indians thought I had bit the snag every time. I won that pot, but the next time I intentionally lost by not breaking the balls off, and by taking indifferent aim. I then broke all the balls off until I had won \$18. Then the Indians, who began to look at me with suspicion or awe, refused to shoot any more. I invited them up to the store and spent the money on knick-knacks, which I divided among them. I then took them back to the lake and showed them the trick. They were very much surprised, but took it in good part. On returning that way a few days after I found the same tribe on the lake shore shooting a big match with a neigh-boring tribe, whom they were rapidly cleaning out of everything. I learned that they had 'skinned' every Indian in he country that they could get to shoot against them. I said nothing, but mused on the readiness of the savage to adopt

the white man's tricks. Wine With a History.

Salt Lake Tribune: J. A. Murray, of Butte, Mont., is the possessor of twelve bottles of wine with a history. The ear-liest known of this wine is that it was found in a subterranean vault inside a stone receptacle, in a Jesuitical monasery that was demolished during a local feud among religious fanatics. It so happened that the eye of an epicurean fell upon it, and he secured it as the most valuable of the treasures, carried it into Poland and presented it to the crown, for which he was rewarded by the highest honors and titles that could be conferred upon a private citizen. At the marriage of the Princess Decherniz of Poland to the heir apparent of the crown of France the only remaining basket of this priceess vintage was presented to the prince for the nuptial occasion. An adven-turer by the name of Bouforte, who had secured the position of second steward to the crown, stole twelve bottles of the precious nectar and replaced these with twelve of an inferior article. twelve bottles he brought with him to America in the year 1790. He communi-cated the nature of his special treasure to his most trusted friend, Henry Coatway. The cupidity and avarice of the latter overpowered his reason and he killed Boutorte to secure the wine. The deed was no sooner done than he feared the vengeance of the law and resolved to fly o distant parts, for a time at least, until the excitement of the murder would die out. Before leaving he buried the twelve bottles with their history far down among the roots of an ancient oak. Fifty years after, on uprooting this same tree, a newly converted Mormon found the treasure and took it with him when he migrated to Utah.

When Brigham Young was made acquainted with the nature of the valuable arricles contained in the twelve bottles he informed the owner that God had made him the instrument to find this treasure that he might give it to the head of the church, and forthwith took the vintage. The wine was in turn stolen from Brigham by an apostate Mormon, who brought it to Montana, and on his death bed, at the mining camp of Pioneer, he bequeathed to J. A. Murray this wine of such an eventful history as a testimonial of his gratitude to that gentleman for his having loaned him \$500 at one time for the purpose of calling a hand for Julius Levy, by which he took down a pot con-

A Missouri burglar, while attempting to enter a house, had his lower jaw shot off. A local paper, in describing the affair, said the victim "resolutely refused to talk."

ART OF POLITENESS.

Strange That Civility Should Be Used So Sparingly.

The Study of Manners Engages But Little of the Thoughts of Humanity in this Bustling and Practical Age.

Philadelphia Record: In this bustling and practical age we are too apt to be careless as to graces of manner and conversation. We look back occasionally on the days of Pericles, when the Athenians talked in high-sounding phrases and saluted each other with the deference which subjects only give to kings, or on the days of the ancient regime, when the courtiers of a Louis were conspicuous for a conventional politeness and grace that scarcely served to conceal the batred, the venom, the meanness and vulgarity that lay beneath. And, therefore, associating politeness either with a state of society where there is but little freedom of thought, speech or action, and where the social fabric is built up of classes who are divided by laws of caste, or else with sleepy oriental countries where men lead the life of lotuseaters and rust away in idleness, the study of manners engages but little of our thoughts. We tacitly admit, of course, that the exercise of such an attri-bute is all right; but our great weakness is to look to results instead of to details, and we are too apt to forget that those results are brought about by the very means which we make light of. It must be admitted, however, that we admire politeness in others. As a people, beneath the rough exterior which we so often assume, we have a sympathetic and a kindly nature; we are alive to a tale of distress and are ready to respond to the cry of suffering; but we are too carelesa of the little courtesies which add such s charm to either social or business intercourse. Politeness my be styled one of the delicate humanities; it sweetens existence; and besides being a high social virtue it is—and this is something worthy of attention in such a practical age really useful in many ways, and proves itself to be a safe and remunerative, pusiness investment, It is hardly possible to estimate the

amount of unconscious egotism to be found in every man and woman. It crops out in the most unexpected quarters, and exercises a large influence on the common affairs of life. Civility, therefore, affects us more than native modesty would probably care to ac-knowledge. We look for it in others, no matter what may be the particular relation which they sustain to us and we to them, and we feel disappointed and are rufiled by its absence. The larger the city and the more crowded the community the less do we find commercial politicess; it seems to dwindle away in an liteness; it seems to dwindle away in an inverse ratio to the square of business. Men will tell you, if they ever stop to discuss the matter, that they have no time to bestow on hollow phrases and super-fluous conventionalities, and that there is no place in the counting room, the store the warehouse, or the factory for the meaningless and steerotyped genuficeof the court or drawing This may be true, but is "ample room and verge room. there is "ample room and verge enough" for the happy medium of which Horace sings without transforming our-Horace sings without 'transforming our-selves into boors' or Turveydrops. We smile when witnessing "Pinafore" at the absurd suggestion of Sir Joseph Porter that the captain of that slip will say "if you please" to his men when giving any command. And yet, after all, there is a sound principle underlying this piece of burlesque. The man who is kind and gracious to those who for the time being are under him will certainly have his re-ward. Every reader of Dickens can remember the despairing cry of Joe, the street waif, in "Bleak House"—"He wor real good to me, he wor." This portion of the seum of a seething city, with scarcely a glimmering instinct or an idea as to right or wrong, was touched by kindness and by geutleness. He could not understand it; he did not comprehend its significance or meaning: but it was something different from what he

had ever met with or known, and so in his blind and ignorant groping he came upon the truth as to

That best portion of a good man's life, His title, nameless, unremembered acts Of kindness and of love. Men will argue sometimes that they have no time to be polite, forgetting that it takes the same amount of time to be uncivil and disagreeable. There are more things needed to insure success than money, experience and integrity. The amenities which some despite so much are also potent factors; and even if you can point out a man who is rude and churlish and yet successful in life that is no argument against the truth of the theory; It simply shows that he has succeeded in spite of the want of politeness. If, therefore, civility be such a large and potential ingredient of success, it is strange that it should be used so spar-It costs nothing, it requires no ingly. room for storage, and can, in fact, be carried in the vest pocket or put in a glove box, and the more of it that is given the more remains. When people can be made to understand that the use of it may bring dollars and cents, then they may also begin to consider it in its moral aspect and make life brighter by showing it in its liner ways and more subtle forms.

COMMON AND HORSE SENSE.

Things Many People do Just for Fashion's Sake. Manchester Union: One of the dictionary definitions of common sense is Such ordinary complement of intelligence, that, if a person be delicient therein, is accounted mad or foolish." Now a person may be guilty of a mad freak or a foolish act, and still be ac-counted neither mad or foolish as the world goes, and wor one of us but has friends who at some time or other bave done something which has shocked and surprised us without raising a suspicion that they were not in their right minds. We seem to need another torm to designate that level headedness which distinguishes some people from the common run, which prevents them from making mistakes met with so frequently in others. and that leads themse frequently in others, and that leads themse instinctively, as it were, to do the right thing at the right time in the right way. This quality has been coarsely termed horse sense, as distinguished from common sense, and though the phrase, is not a pleasing one, it is frequently used for want of a better

or more euphonious term.

Possibly there might be diversity of opinion as to the relative merits of these two kinds of sense, but for our present purpose the dictionary must be authority for the one, and each reader's experience supply his idea of the other. In giving his notion of the difference between horse sense and common sense, the Rambler wishes to disclaim any intention of proclaiming it as the only true one. It is what he believes, simply, and the reader is at liberty to agree or disagree, to subtract from or add to as he pleases.

By way of illustration, let us recall the recent spell of cold weather, when for several mornings in succession the mercury two kinds of sense, but for our present

eral mornings in succession the mercury dropped to or below the freezing point. A northwest wind forced the cold into most houses, sending the temperature down to a boint uncomfortably low. It is safe to say that there are in this city very few houses of the middle and wellto-do classes that were not at that time sensational star who was playing a part provided with fuel and heating appar in which he had to file off his chains,

atus, and horse sense would have kindled a fire in stove and furnace without delay. Common sense says; "No; it is too earl in the season to build fires. We sha iave more warm weather yet before fal really sets in." So men shivered over their breakfasts, and delicate women put light shawls on their shoulders—it being too early for warm ciothing—and spent the day trying in vain to get warm. Robust men caught colds, and women who were not robust were prostrated with throat and lung troubles, and were incky not to have pneumonia. This accurately describes the state of affairs in four-fifths of the houses of well-to-do citizens last week, and these people amply endowed with common sense, se up a universal how! against the "horrid climate, when a little horse-sense would have led them to adapt themselves to made them warm their dwellings and put on thicker clothing, even though the change was but for a day or two, and a warm spell was sure to follow the cold snap. The inconvenience of thus meeting the change in temperature is nothing when compared with the danger to health and comfort incident to enduring the cold without flannels or fires, to say nothing of possible doctors' bill.

Common sense in the feminine gender goes thinly clad in gauzy garments up to a certain date in the season because fashion so decrees, though the nights be frosty and the biting northeast wind penetrates to the very marrow, thus be coming a ready if not a willing victim to "providential" disease and early death, which horse sense would have easily averted by the aid of warmer clothing. Common sense in the school board pet mits children to sit in school rooms with the temperature twenty degrees lower than is safe; selects and retains incompe tent teachers; makes an errand boy and elerk of a high-salaried superintendent gets up personal wrangles and quarrel tmong the members of the board-all of which a little horse sense would avoid as detrimental to the public school interests.

Common sense sends the boss of gang of city laborers down into a hole to do a laborer's work while ten or lifteen men stand idle waiting for some one to tell them what to busy themselves about. Horse sense tells the boss if he would put his coat on and do nothing but direct his men so as to keep all of them em-ployed, each in his proper place, he would get more work done by nightfall, and really earn more money for the city Common sense may be a willing and ready worker at manual labor, but it takes horse sense to engineer a gang of hands so that no time is frittered away. Common sense builds a sewer hundreds of feet without putting in cesspools at

street intersections, so as to fool the public by making it appear that the appro-priation is going a long ways. Horse priation is going a long ways. Horse sense would finish the work as it went along and make no transparent attempt to deceive the public, which often sees much deeper into such schemes than it is eredited with doing.

Common sense-unless we are willing o admit that the majority of our citizens are mad or foolish—combines to put men in office, clothing them with authority to make laws and squander treasure, when such men are totally unworthy of trust. lorse sense would send some of them to the penitentiary and keep others in pri-

vate life where they belong. Common sense keeps thousands of men year, robbing them of all pleasure ex-cept that of money-getting, until they are so fettered by habit that it is impossible to break away. Horse sense says "Put on your coat and hat, take your family, if you have one, or if not go alone into the country or anywhere you choose away from your business and enjoy yourself. Your business will run itself a few days without you. If it won't, you have builded all these years to little to the country of the country o little purpose. You will live longer and be happier and your family will be benefited by the change.

Common sense leads many men into all

sorts of visionary schemes, political and others, in behalf of temperance. Horse sense would look closer after the young, provide healthful places of amusement for them, teach them the benefits of sobriety and industry, and, instead of letting them come up themselves, bring them up in such a way that they shall lay the foundations for honorable and Common sense keeps the open horse

cars in use long after they should be discarded, and they go through the streets crowded with shivering mortals, who, unable to walk, are compelled to undergo the torture of partial freezing. Horse sense, just the tiniest grain of it, would house the open cars quicker than a professional tax-dodger can get round the corner, or a mugwump change his poli-tics. Such heedless management can hardly be said to be endowed with common sense even, for it comes very near the line of foolishness on the part of the company and makes its patrons decidedly

This list of differences between the two senses might be extended indefinitely, but the above must suffice for the present We think our readers will agree with us that horse sense is rarer and more valuable, for although the multitude manage to get along and do fairly well on common sense alone, it is horse sense that makes one of practical value to his fellow men, and enables the possessor thor-oughly to enjoy life under conditions where common sense fails to render one the means of being comfortable or happy A man with a goodly share of horse sense is often looked upon by his friends as an "odd stick," but in an emergency he is the first one they will call upon for help out of their difficulties.

BLANK CARTRIDGES.

They are a Boon to the Realistic Drama, and are Used in Other Ways.

New York Sun: From the point of view of the man from the far west, probably the most useless thing in the world would seem to be a blank cartridge, for out where the sun goes down drawing a pistol is very serious business. Yet there is a very great demand for blank cartridges, and even western men, at least those of them who are connected with Buffalo Bill's show, have come to look apon the harmless noise producers with olerance, and even approval as mater ially enhancing their safety in the vigor ous and realistic sham tights that they go Many thousand cases of blank cart-

ridges are made every year by the big cartridge manufacturing establishments, and command prices only less than those and command prices only less than those with bullets in them by about as much as the value of the lead would be. Great quantities of them are sold for Fourth of July celebrations, and a good many are used by the military in firing salutes. The theatres are, however, the best, because the most constant and steady. customers for them. When the heavy villain shoots the hero, remarking "Never again will you cross my path, and the hero, miraculously saved, pop his ancient enemy, saying, "Die, vittian, pops they both burn blank cartridges; and when the Euglish soldiers tire a volley after the escaping Irish patriot they use blank cartridges, and their guns being loaded in that way explains why "the finest peasantry" so easily kill them off with stuffed clubs; and when the property man arranges the expolsion that is to rend the noble ship and sink her in the middle of the broad occan, he fixes a lo of blank cartridges in an apparatus that will set them all off simultaneously with a terrific bang. And so in a thousand ways the stage depends upon blank cart-

Now and then the blank cartridge "proves recreant to the trust reposed in it" and spoils an effect. Actors tell of a

break out of prison, climb a wall, and just at the moment when he was about to achieve liberty, be shot be a vigilan sentry, fall, and die to slow music. He had climbed the wall and waited for the fatal shot. It did not come, Again and again the sentry snapped his gun, but the cartridge would not explode. Did the actor let that failure cut him out of his death scene? Oh, no. With a shrick of agony and appropriate pantomimu trimmings he exclaimed: "Greatheavens In my excitement I have swallowed the

fell from the wail, and died in his ost effective fushion. Blank cartridges are often bought for the loading of pistols that people keep in the house to scare burglars if they hap-pen to come. The good folks who have that humana and protty plan understand very little about burglars, or they would know that those gentry are so deficient in a sense of reciprocal humor that they habitually shoot back, and with bullets instead of black cartridges. Little argument can be required to demonstrate that the householder is at a disadvantage in proceedings of this nature. From an incident that occurred in a police court : few days since it would appear that there are young men who carry pistols loaded with blank cartridges and fire them of on occasion to make themselves appear dangerous. But the dealers say that, so far as they know, such instances must be A Singularly Romantic Story.

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